

## ABSTRACT

When a first service providing means and a second service providing means located on a network have a dependent relationship, services can be disclosed and provided, with the dependent relationship held. A service utilizing device 10 inquires of a service disclosing device 30 available services. The service disclosing device 30 refers to service information 44 and sends back, to the service utilizing device 10, an address of a service providing device 50 for providing a first service. The service providing device 50 accepts a service request from the service utilizing device 10, refers to manageable target information 65, and issues a service request to a service providing device 70 by use of an address of the service providing device 70 being under non-disclosure. The service providing device 70 executes services and sends back requested information to the service utilizing device via the service providing device 50.